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Work On Winter Sports Program

Paul Henry To Handle Trains.

Michigan's 1945 emergency act, promoted by lack of state authority in the 1943 Detroit race riot, was given a partial and successful try-out in the recent miner's strike which ended suddenly on December 7, anniversary of Japanese infamy at Pearl Harbor.

Furthermore, drastic restrictions were impending, ready to be proclaimed, which would have virtually confiscated remaining fuel supplies for long time.

It was an interesting test of federal and state co-operation in a period of mounting crisis. Michigan emerged from it with new prestige, for the state was one of the few in the nation which found itself with an organized plan to deal with conditions growing out of the lack of coal.

The plan had its origin during World War II. We refer to the war-time Office of Civilian Defense with its state-wide network of volunteer nurses, fire and air-raid wardens, airplane watchers and others. The office has been kept recently on a "fire department" basis by the governor's office.

Among the duties of Capt. Donald S. Leonard, director of Civilian Defense, was that of State Fuel Administrator.

A recent trip to Washington revealed to Capt. Leonard that President Truman was determined not to appease or compromise with John L. Lewis, as his predecessor had done. Lewis appeared to have a Caesar complex. Yet the Missouri dander was up. Truman was stubborn. He declined to accept the advice of Attorney General Tom C. Clark and Reconversion Director John R. Steelman, both of whom suggested appeasement.

It looked like an all-out showdown between the United States of America and a powerful labor union. Washington was all set for a long tie-up. Leonard was invited to address a national conference of state fuel administrators Tuesday, December 10.

The week-end of Friday to Monday, December 13, was bringing busy and eventful days to the Office of Civilian Defense.

On Friday the governor decided to issue a proclamation declaring a state of emergency under the powers invested in him by the special 1945 statute. Secretary of State Herman H. Dignan affixed the Great Seal of Michigan, making official the following authority: Control of transportation, traffic curfew, alcoholic beverages, firearms, and other steps needed for protection of life and property. All orders were to be publicized by press and radio.

As a demonstration of the broad powers held by the governor in such an emergency, violations of all orders become punishable in any state court as a misdemeanor.

The first regulation was issued by the governor Saturday, Dec. 7, just prior to Lewis' capitulation at Washington. Citizens were forbidden from using electricity for illumination of show windows, outdoor billboards, air-conditioning and many other uses, all specified in detail. Heretofore, the dim-out had about the weight of voluntary compliance and violations were widespread. The governor's order gave it the force of state law.

Also, on Saturday the governor issued regulations establishing a system of certificates of necessity whereby coal was to be sold by dealers only to persons who could get an official certificate proving need.

Another restriction, which evoked protests from profit-hungry table toppers in some cities, forbade any business licensed to sell alcoholic beverages from staying open after 10 p. m. This applied to everyone—Detroit's rowdy Bowery night club with a \$1,000 per night floor show to the ritzy Detroit Yacht Club. The restriction was to be followed by a black-out of all pieces of amusement—such as theatres and bowling alleys.

Also in the Detroit picture was the threat of a union general strike on Tuesday, Dec. 10. Labor leaders thought this would be a nice gesture of friendliness to John L. Lewis.

The try-out of Michigan's emergency act was significant, as we see it, because it served to emphasize anew the responsibility held by the governor under state statutes.

Not only is the governor the head of the Michigan State Police with authority to enforce laws anywhere with or without the consent of local police chiefs and sheriffs, but he can exercise emergency powers almost akin to martial law itself.

If Michigan is to have another (Continued on Page Two)

The Grayling Chamber of Commerce directors in a last Wednesday night session selected the Paul Henry Travel Bureau of Detroit to handle the snow trains operating to Grayling this season over the New York Central system.

According to General Chairman Arthur Clough, the railroad company will offer two trains each Sunday, starting January 12, for seven consecutive weeks. Trains are expected from Detroit, Lansing, Jackson, Saginaw, Flint and Bay City. The Junior Chamber of Commerce in each of those cities, plus some other Michigan centers, have been contacted in an effort to build up a day for each. Included in the plan is the selection of a Winter Sports Queen from each place, who will compete against the Crawford County girl selected for the crown-signifying Queen of the Winter Recreation Area. The rest of the young ladies will form the court.

The response from the Junior Chambers has been fair, Clough says, and emphasized the predominance of requests for information by large groups for this season.

President Wesley Kumpula announced that Mrs. Stanley Stealy would again head the Queen's committee, which she has very ably steered many times in the past. He also told of the plans for the Queen's Ball, which will be held at the Grayling High School gym on the evening of January 25.

A contract has been signed with Jimmy Dobson and his orchestra for the affair.

Miss Theima Hubbell of Grayling has offered her services in the decoration of the gym and Miss Virginia Kraus and her troop of Girl Scouts have volunteered to handle the checkroom for the evening. President Kumpula added:

The directors voted to appropriate \$200 to be used to buy movie film that will be shot at the park in the very near future. Both colored and black and white movies will be made. The cameraman is expected to be Tony Weitzel, noted Detroit News columnist. The black and white movie will be used for a television broadcast over the Detroit News station. This will be the first television broadcast of a Winter Sports event anywhere in the world. The details were worked out and will be followed through by Robert Brooks and Walter Dudewicz.

The meeting was attended also by many of the various chairmen of the Winter Sports committees and William Richter, area supervisor of the Conservation Department and his assistant, Don Richter.

SISTERS OF MERCY GIVE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas Party for the Mercy Hospital Staff and guests was held at the Nurses' Home, Wednesday evening, Dec. 18, at 8:30 o'clock.

The home was beautifully decorated with the traditional tree, holly and greens. Miss Edith Watson acted as hostess for the evening.

The party opened with a Christmas program, arranged by Miss Mary Noa, as follows:

Welcome and Christmas Song
Billie McKay
Accomp. Mrs. Noa
"White Christmas"—Vocal Solo
Miss Wilda Patch
Accomp. Mrs. C. G. Clippert
"Away In a Manger"—Vocal Solo
Billie McKay
Accomp. Miss Mary Noa
"O Holy Night"—Vocal Solos
Mr. Leo Koepfer
Accomp. Mrs. C. G. Clippert
Medley of Christmas Carols
Fiddling the Fiddle—Violin Solos
Accomp. Mrs. C. G. Clippert
Group Singing—Christmas Carols
Accomp. Mrs. C. G. Clippert

Santa Claus then made his entrance with everyone singing "Jingle Bells." After Santa distributed gifts and candy to all, a dainty, delicious lunch was served buffet style, from a beautifully arranged table with centerpiece of evergreen and holly, miniature reindeer and red tapers at either end.

Mrs. Alfred Sorenson and Mrs. George Hilton poured.

A sociable and most enjoyable evening was then enjoyed by everyone.



Masons Install New Officers

A dinner and public installation of officers of Grayling Lodge No. 356, A. F. and A. M., held at the Masonic Temple, Tuesday evening of last week, was attended by nearly 100 people.

Plans had been made for Past Grand Master John Hawk and Grand Secretary W. F. Hall, both of Lansing, to take part in the ceremonies, but they were forced to return to their homes because of adverse driving conditions. Ernest L. Larson was installed officer, and Past Master Victor M. Lake, of Lansing, acted as marshal.

Newly installed officers of the lodge include: John McMillan, worshipful master; George Bielski, senior warden; Rola Felling, junior warden; George Granger, treasurer; William Golinick, senior deacon; E. J. Papendick, junior deacon; Walter Korhonen, tyler; John Papendick and Clarence Roberts, stewards; and U. Harley Russell, marshal.

The dinner was prepared and served by members of Grayling Chapter 83, Order of Eastern Star.

Legion, Spike's In Tourney: Play Here January 3

Both of Grayling's independent basketball teams are entered in an independent basketball tournament at Kalkaska this week, which is scheduled for December 26, 27, and 28. In all, eight teams are entered. Besides the two local clubs, Kalkaska, Kingsley, Roscommon, West Branch and Gaylord will play.

Another double-header is scheduled here for January 3, when the Legion team will meet Sterling and the Keggers take on the strong Bay City DeFoe Boat squad. The following week the two West Branch teams will invade Grayling to again meet the two local basketball groups. Both local teams were defeated in the last start at West Branch. Both West Branch fives are extremely strong, being bolstered by college stars, among whom are Bob VanVleet, formerly of Wayne, and Herm Fishman, former University of Michigan star.

Tentative plans have been made for an independent tourney in Grayling on February 18, 19 and 20. As details are worked out, they will be published. Both of Grayling's hardwood squads are playing real ball, and would appreciate some real backing from the townfolk. They promise two real thrillers against Sterling and DeFoe Boat.

Eleven young ladies gathered at the Harold Rasmussen home Saturday afternoon to help Miss Greth celebrate her eleventh birthday, which occurred December 24. Jackie Sue Hunter and Carolyn Long won prizes in the games played. Of course they had ice cream and cake.

Fred Allen arrived home Monday morning to spend a 15-day turlough with his mother.

Added Compensation Given A & P Employees

Additional compensation totaling approximately \$1,750,000 has been distributed to employees of The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company before Christmas, it was announced today by John A. Hartford, president.

All A & P employees throughout the country, with six months or more service with the company, participate in the cash distribution.

The company's employees were voted \$1,500,000 compensation last year.

OVER 200 ATTEND CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Well over 200 children and their parents and friends enjoyed the Christmas program given at the Grayling Post 108, American Legion, gave a Santa Claus party at the Legion Hall which took up the whole afternoon Monday, and the whole theatre opened wide its doors on Tuesday afternoon for a special free Christmas matinee for the children of the vicinity, screening "Adventures of Tom Sawyer."

In the Legion Hall basement at tables set for 125, the veterans entertained the vicinity's children in three different groups. The tables and the hall were colorfully decorated with pine boughs and the traditional red and green of Christmas. Christmas bells and stars, covered with tinsel, hung swaying from the ceiling, and the pine boughs used to cover posts were lighted with colored bulbs and streamers of color were strung overhead.

Upon entering the hall, the children immediately were seated at the tables, where ice cream, cake, cookies, fruit and other good things were served them while Christmas carols and music filled the air. The tables were covered with colorful paper and every little ways was a picture of good Old Saint Nick. The only lighting in the room was from the Christmas lights and candles on the tables.

Following their Christmas repast, the children filed upstairs—where good Old Saint Nick in person gave each boy and girl a sack of candy and nuts and also a sack of popcorn. As you can well imagine, the children were most enthusiastic over the Christmas party given them by the Grayling Legion Post and were most happy and thankful for the wonderful time.

During the entire day, the Legion Club bar was closed. It was closed off from the rest of the building and in the archway, which leads from the main room upstairs into the bar was a huge, beautifully decorated Christmas tree. At no time was any youngster even able to peep at the bar because of the huge tree and tarpaulin which hung over the arch behind the tree.

The Rialto Theatre also played host to the children of Grayling and vicinity on Tuesday afternoon with that classic childhood story from the pen of Mark Twain, "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer." The theatre was crowded until the walls nearly bulged, with happy, laughing kiddies, who were thrilled with the fine movie and the thoughtfulness of the theatre management in remembering them with such a fine Christmas present.

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Area Children Royally Feted

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Ironmen Shade Wave By One Basket; Locals Face Two Week Layoff

Cantata To Be Sunday

The Christmas Cantata sponsored by the Woman's Club will be held at Michelson Memorial Church Sunday, December 28, at 4 o'clock p. m.

Jailed, Fined, As Result of Accident

Ervin R. Christenson of Grayling was fined \$25 and \$3 costs and given a 10-day jail sentence Friday morning by Justice Emil Giegling when he pleaded guilty to reckless driving charges that evolved from an accident on US-27 south of Grayling last Thursday morning.

The accident was investigated by Sheriff John A. Papendick and the State Police from the Houghton Lake Post. Christenson was issued a summons for reckless driving by the State Police.

Sheriff Papendick said the two cars crashed nearly head-on with the right fronts of both cars sustaining most of the damage. His investigation showed that the car operated by Christenson was on the left shoulder of the road.

The other car was driven by Mrs. Grace Martin, 23, of Freeland, and she was accompanied by her husband, Richard, 21. They were on their way to Wisconsin for the holiday season.

Mrs. Martin sustained lacerations of the face and legs and chest injuries. Her husband also was lacerated on the face and legs and suffered a fractured knee. Christenson was badly cut on the face in the crash.

P. T. A. NEWS

The Grayling P. T. A. meeting held last Wednesday evening opened with a program of Christmas carols sung by Bonnie Larson, Jean Lovely, Beverly Barber, Sally Bishaw, Jermaine Harwood, Shirley Kolka, Bradley Stephen, Berice Quinn, Charles Brown, Jo Ann Korhonen, Bonnie Cooper, John Niederer, Marvin Bielski, Robert Dunham, Burton Boger, Mary Lou Larke, Rose Ann Dixon, Anna Decker, Charles Decker, Sandra Newell, and directed by Miss Grace Puffer. Miss Nancy Cox accompanied at the piano. All present then sang carols, again directed by Miss Puffer.

In the business meeting that followed, a motion was made and carried that the executive committee set up an entertainment fund to be used at the discretion of the program committee. A report was given on the progress of the Band. Mr. Christian stated that to date there are 23 beginners in the Band and 12 advanced players. In the Pep Band, a financial report was given by Supt. Bond, as follows:

Receipts—
Tag Sales, Nov. 15, Hunters' Ball \$29.15
Sportsman's Club for Drum 30.00
Tag Sales, Nov. 16, Lovells 7.88
Tag Sales, Shoppenagons
Inn 1.83
Net, Jerry McSafely Show 100.00
Eastern Star Lodge 5.00

Expenditures—
Used Baritone Sax \$175.00
New Drum 27.00
Used Bb Clarinet 35.00
2000 Booster Tags 5.04
Used Trombone 50.00

\$292.04
117.14

\$174.14
\$117.90 Deficit, being carried in Associated School Funds Account and backed by Grades 9, 10, 11, 12.

Since the report was made out, the Grayling Woman's Club donated \$35.00 to this cause, leaving the deficit as \$82.90. Future money-raising plans include a dance and lunch on January 17. "Games" are planned for this party, too; also, on February 18, an Alumni basketball game. So, keep these dates in mind.

It was announced by President Lennert that the preliminary meeting would be at the South Side School.

Following the business meeting, the group progressed to the Home Economics room, where many articles made by the girls of this group were on display.

A lunch of pretzels, decorated cakes and coffee was then served from a table attractively centered with evergreen and pine cones, guarded by red tapers. Christmas napkins also added to the holiday

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Mancy Veterans Given Real Fight.

The towering, all-veteran Black and Orange team of Mancelona High was given a real battle at the Grayling High School gym last Thursday night when they clashed with the local varsity squad. They were barely able to edge out the Wave by the margin of a single field goal, 22 to 20.

All five starters for the Ironmen were the same as started last year's schedule for them, whereas Grayling's starting team included but two of last year's regular performers—Keway and Carlson. The margin of victory was so close in view of Mancelona's advantages, that Coach Willard Cornell, though wishing to see his team win, was more or less happy with their showing. A mistake or two in Grayling's defense setup, a missed free throw here and there spelled the difference between victory and defeat for the Green and White squad.

The game was a rough and tumble affair, with the crowd seemingly not too happy over the officiating, which was handled by Dale Berry and Ward Walstrom, of Harbor Springs, both Michigan State graduates.

Ed Carlson led the losers with 7 points, while Puckett paced the winners with 10. Following is the box score of the game:

Mancelona (22)	FG	FT	TP
F.—B. Griffone	3	1	7
F.—G. Griffone	2	0	4
C.—Clough	0	0	0
G.—Puckett	5	0	10
G.—Goss	0	1	1
G.—Buckwheat	0	1	1
Totals	10	2	22

Substitutes—Tobias and Hanson

Grayling (20)	FG	FT	TP
F.—Bielski	3	0	0
F.—Feldhauser	0	3	3
C.—Keway	1	1	3
G.—Carlson	2	3	7
G.—Goss	2	0	4
F.—R. Miller	1	1	3
Totals	6	8	20

Score by quarters—

	1	2	3	4
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Mancelona 4 8 14 22

Grayling 3 6 8 20

The Grayling-Reserves dropped their contest to the Mancy seconds by a 23 to 12 score, in which 15 Grayling boys saw service. Patten led the winners with 12 points, while Anthony Niederer, J. Feldhauser each scored 3 points for the locals, with Earl Rasmussen adding 2 and Hanson one point.

At the end of the first quarter, Mancelona led by a 7 to 3 margin, and at halftime had increased their lead to a 11 to 4 score. In the third canto the winners added 7 points to the locals' 3, for a 18 to 4 count. Grayling outscored the Ironmen reserves, 8 to 5, in the final period.

Thursday afternoon a Grayling Junior High team met the Frederic High squad at the gym, and the local team squeezed out a 15 to 14 victory.

The Green Wave faces a two-week layoff during the holiday season, and will reopen its cage wars at home on January 7, when the squad will entertain the Class D tournament winners here last year, Fairview. Although the invaders from the east were a powerhouse last year, graduation last spring riddled their ranks, and rumor has it that they have not been too consistent so far this season.

On Friday, January 10, Boyne City will play the Wave on the local court in a conference game, and on Tuesday, January 14, the Grayling team will travel to East Jordan for another conference tussle.

As a result of the close contest with Mancelona, which was conceded as the second-place team of the conference, other circuit clubs will view Coach Cornell's charges with respect, and will undoubtedly formulate plans for holding them down.

Light Plant Diesel Engine On The Way

According to City Manager George Granger, the new Buckeye diesel engine that has been on order for the City Light Plant has been shipped from the Lima, Ohio factory.

It is expected that the 40-ton mammoth engine will arrive in Grayling sometime between Christmas and New Year's; installation of the huge engine and the 14 tons of equipment that accompanies it will begin early in January. The engine will take approximately one month to install, by which time it will be in readiness to operate if the wishboard and its equipment has arrived.

WANT ADS

TELEPHONE 3111

RATES—Advertisements in this department cost 25 cents for 25 words or less for each insertion. For more than 25 words one cent a word for each insertion. Rates for display advertising in the classified columns on application. Orders by mail should be accompanied by cash or postage stamps. An extra charge of 10c will be made for blind ads and if it is necessary to bill for an advertisement that has been charged.

The Want Ad Department closes for each week's edition at NOON on Wednesday.

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We are happy to say that among our most treasured memories are the many Christmas celebrations we have seen come and go, and the friends we have kept with us during all the years. A Merry Christmas to all of you!

PARSONS AND LAMM
SERVICE STATION

RABBITS—Selling out. Reasonable. Giant New Zealand White, pedigree stock, some up to 15 lb. Several good bucks. From \$1.50 up. Anton Johnson, first house East of Fish Hatchery. 26-2

FOR SALE—1945 Willys Jeep, plywood top. \$800. Driven 11,000 miles. Write to Clifford Boman, Gladwin, Mich., Secord Route. 26

FOR SALE—Canaries. Mrs. Catherine Loskos, Elm St., City. 26

FOR SALE—Used 1938 Buick-8 Motor. \$100.00 cash. Inquire Cedar Dell Cabins, 9 miles South of Grayling on U. S. 27. 26-2

EXPERIENCED AUCTIONEER—Have sold everything from limited household goods to large ranch dispersment. Write or see Ves E. Spencer, R. 2, Gladwin, Michigan. 10-24-12-31

SLAB WOOD for Sale—Approximately 4 cords, \$10.00 per cord. Phone 4436. Stanley Madson. 5-16-4

FOUND—Pair of men's jersey-backed leather-faced brown gloves, in front of Grange Hall. About size 8 or 9. Owner may have by contacting Norval Stephan. Phone 4161. 26

STRAYED from my farm in Maple Forest—2-year-old roan heifer with notch in right ear. If anyone has seen her, please notify Robert F. Feldhauser, Grayling, Star Route No. 1. 26

FOR SALE—Nearly new Lady's Snow Suit, size 18. Call 4451 after 6:00. 26

Michigan Mirror

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long, costly strike of automobile workers, paralyzing the automobile industry of the nation, Governor-elect Kim Sigler may have a labor crisis added to his long list of state problems, foremost of which is the looming deficit of many millions.

The 1945 Emergency Act gave



CLASSROOM ON THE AIR... A Denver teacher, Mrs. B. Evans, faces the microphone as the public school "classrooms of the air" get under way in Denver.

new and added responsibility to the position of Michigan's chief executive.

The recent fuel emergency has highlighted the centralization of power and responsibility for the safety and protection of Michigan property.

Lovells Christmas Party

The Annual Christmas Party sponsored by the Cheerful Givers Club of Lovells was held at the Lovells Town Hall, Saturday evening, Dec. 21, with an attendance of 115 people.

The tables were centered by miniature Christmas trees made by the ladies, and tall red tapers in crystal candle holders, creating an eye-pleasing effect. A huge Christmas tree was surrounded by gifts and bags of nuts and oranges, and the little ones could hardly wait till Santa arrived to receive them.

Community singing of carols was followed by the children's program of recitations and songs, much enjoyed by all.

The ladies want to thank each and every one who helped to make this one of the most enjoyable Christmas parties ever held in Lovells, and particularly Mr. and Mrs. Pierson Spaulding of Harrison, Mich., who added the finishing touch to a grand dinner by furnishing ten gallons of ice cream.

EVA TANGUAY'S OWN STORY

Eva Tanguay, once the most talked about personality in vaudeville, spends her declining days as an invalid. The "I Don't Care" girl tells, starting in The American Weekly with this Sunday's (December 29) issue of The Detroit Sunday Times, about those whirlwind days when she made and spent \$2,000,000. Get Sunday's Detroit Times.

Northern Lights

High Christmas Program
Friday a fine Christmas program sponsored by Miss Bennett, was enjoyed by the high school. As the students came to the assembly from classes, Nancy Cox was playing Christmas carols on the piano.

The program was as follows: Christmas Story, Miss Bennett; "Keeping Christmas", Clare Burns; "Story of Silent Night", Roseanne Kearney; Singing of Carols by the assembly, led by Mr. Christian, with Nancy Cox at the piano; "Is There a Santa Claus?" Emily Giegling; "The First Christmas Tree", Joan Harwood; "The Little Match Girl", Patricia Yoder; "Just Before Christmas", Bill Worden; "Twas the Night Before Christmas", 7th grade; "Twas Christmas Day", "The Day After Christmas", Helen Sorenson; Group Singing, "Jingle Bells" and "White Christmas".

Due to transportation difficulties, Santa was unable to bring his sack of treats for the 300 students and teachers. He promised to send them so they could be enjoyed after Christmas.

8th Grade Home Economics

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Cheerio FRIENDS

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PHONE 4541

Christmas Party
The Eighth Grade girls had a Christmas party on December 18. The room was gayly decorated. The entertainment committee kept our attention with a poem by Phyllis Ziebell, a story by Elaine Tinker. The whole class joined in singing "Jingle Bells". Refreshments were served by the lunch committee, consisting of: Cookies made by the girls, fruit cocktail, jello and hot chocolate. We all enjoyed ourselves greatly. We finished up by Miss Owens taking a picture of the group.

8th Grade Homemaking Party
The girls in 15 Ninth Grade had a Christmas party in home-making December 19. For refreshments, we had popcorn, fudge, and apples. We sang Christmas carols while Christine Sales played the piano. We drew names in our class and bought presents for whoever's name was drawn. At the end of our party, Miss E. J. Owen took our pictures in a group. We had a nice time. By Pat Yoder and Marlene Jensen.

Sophomore Homemaking Class
The Sophomore Homemaking Class enjoyed a very merry Christmas Tuesday afternoon. A self-serve lunch was enjoyed, and the tables were decorated with small Christmas trees and candles. Santa Claus made a visit to them and gave each a lovely gift. The rest of the hour was spent singing Christmas carols. Marjorie Nelson and Joan Harwood.

Home Economics III
The Home Economics III celebrated Christmas on Thursday, December 19, in the Home Ec. room. Presents were given to the classes before lunch at 11:15. The table was decorated with candles in the center and at each end. Mr. Bond took pictures of the girls and their presents which they made for Christmas. The party was enjoyed by all. By Onaie Smith and Beverly Macaulay.

Grayling Bowling League

MEN'S DIVISION			
Team	W	L	Pts.
Hanson's Chevrolet	26	13	37
Oates' Photo	28	11	35
Green's Tavern	22	17	31
Tuft's Texaco	23	16	30
Ron's Hardware	21	18	29
Wade's Cabin Court	22	17	29
Altes Lager	20	19	28
Jarmin's Insurance	21	18	28
Crawford Avalanche	18	21	24
Spike's Keg O' Nails	17	22	22
Kaiser's Bar	16	23	22
Bert's Moblogas	17	22	21
Little Giant's	25	16	16
Grayling Restaurant	9	30	11

The only high single and series for individual bowling added to the list last week was a 232 and 581, rolled by Al Cherven. Neither topped the season high. Cherven's 268 is the highest single game rolled so far this season in league play, and Roy Milnes' 211 is the high individual 3-game series.

Cherven also continues his lead in the average race with 179, followed by Sam Remy with 173 and Milnes with 172. Dave Cook holds fourth with 170, while Harold Jarmin and Charley Papenfus are tied for fifth with 168. Al Cariveau is in sixth with 167 and Ralph Colten and Herman Bert jointly hold seventh with 165. Johnny Johnson has possession of eighth place with 164, while Carl Nass is in ninth with 163. Bill Sterling, Doc Martzowka and L. Galehouse share tenth spot with 162 each.

WOMEN'S DIVISION			
December 18, 1946			
Team	W	L	Pts.
Porath's	25	16	36
Dorett's	27	15	36
Jarmin's	24	18	32
Long's	22	20	27
Dawson's	20	22	25
Sorenson's	18	24	24
Olson's	17	25	22
Hanson's	14	28	20

Weekly High
Individual high game—A. Gothro 188, 178; I. Dudewicz 176. Team single high—Dorett's, 744, 689, 687. Individual 3-game high—M. Flow-ers 473, A. Gothro 467, I. Dudewicz 436. Team 3-game high—Dorett's, 2130.

Season Standings
Individual single high game—A. Sorenson 199, E. Burch 191, A. Gothro 188, M. Nielsen 187. Individual 3-game high—E. Burch 822, 618; F. Akers 488, M. Nielsen



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Is the Hit Song of the Season.

GREETINGS FROM THE COFFEE SHOPPE

488. Team high average—Dorett's 767, Jarmin's 753, Sorenson's 748. Team 3-game high—Jarmin's 2173, Akers 188, Cariveau 136, M. 2087; Dorett's 2130, Sorenson's Nielsen 188.

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YEAR 'ROUND CABINS
INNERSPRING MATTRESSES — RUNNING WATER
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Cartoon Musical Special

PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



ITALIAN STALLION FOR CALIFORNIA . . . Shown in his stall aboard the SS Highflyer, which brought him from Genoa, Italy, is the famous Italian sire, "Ortello." The horse is en route to Mr. Richard Hamilton, Vallejo, Calif. Purchase price was \$30,000. Ortello is shown on arrival at New Orleans with James D. Sinnott and Riba Yóscf, Bohemian trainer, who traveled across the Atlantic with the valuable sire.

Oil Company Initiates New Ad Program

The Roosevelt Oil Company of Mt. Pleasant, one of Michigan's largest producers of petroleum products, is now engaged in a state-wide expansion program.

Greatly increased production and distribution facilities are being provided to meet the growing demand for Super-Flight and Power Flight, both war developed gasoline of proved quality.

New Power Flight station identification signs are being displayed at the company's revamped and repainted service stations. Courteous, efficient service and immaculate rest rooms reflect the company's insistence for the best in public relations.

In support of this program, the Roosevelt Oil Company has released an extensive newspaper advertising campaign which features Power Flight in a series of whimsical, interest-impelling display ads which are to be run in distributor towns throughout the state. In addition, radio news broadcasts will be made Monday through Friday of each week from Bay City and Lansing, with more stations to be added as conditions permit.

Michigan Recruit Climbs Fast From Private To 2nd Lieutenant

Proof that the Army offers an opportunity for rapid promotion and a real career is offered in the story of Lt. Jack Leland, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Leland, 209 W. Division Street, Traverse City, who advanced from Private to 2nd Lt. in 7 months, 7 days.

Jack enlisted on January 2, 1946, in Traverse City, for an 18-month enlistment. He was sent to Fort Sheridan, Illinois, for indoctrination, and left for basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Before basic was completed, the Army had impressed Jack as a career. He applied for Officer Candidate School and upon completion of his basic training, Jack was transferred to Engineer's O. C. S. at Ft. Belvoir, Va.

Seven Months, Seven Days Commissioned in the Engineer Corps on August 7, just seven months, seven days after entering the Army, Lt. Leland was given a leave. While home, he called on the Traverse City recruiters to

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BOSTON, MASS.

thank them for starting him on a successful career.

HERE'S TO HEALTH

Bed Rest of the Tuberculous

One reason that tuberculosis is so feared is that people dread the long period of inactivity necessary to recover from tuberculosis.

It is true that tuberculosis is a long-term disease—a disease which gains a hold on the body slowly, and which, unless discovered in its early stage, requires a long period for recovery.

The sooner treatment is begun, however, the sooner will the disease, barring unusual circumstances, be arrested. The tuberculous patient who accepts the inevitable and resigns himself to being inactive for a period of months, is the wise patient and the one most apt to conquer the disease.

The one essential element in the treatment of tuberculosis is rest—complete bed rest. No drug has yet been found which will cure tuberculosis or even create immunity to it.

Why is bed rest so important? Because the only way to permit the diseased lung to heal is to keep it as inactive as possible. Sometimes this complete rest must be enforced by means of a therapeutic pneumothorax, which means collapsing the lung with air to keep it inactive. However, many doctors prefer to give nature a chance, with preliminary bed rest, to heal the lung before artificial aids are tried.

When doctors say that the lung must rest, they mean literally what they say. They mean such complete rest that, if it is to be obtained, the patient must stay in bed. Any exertion, even walking around, makes the lung work harder and causes delay in the healing process.

The tuberculous patient should place himself under medical care as soon as he is aware he has tuberculosis. Ordinarily the doctor will recommend that he enter a hospital for the tuberculous, because in such a hospital everything is arranged to enable him to rest most comfortably. Occasionally, for one reason or another, the doctor will not insist upon his entering a hospital. This, however, does not mean that the patient does not have to rest. He must follow the instructions of the doctor and the members of his family must realize how essential it is for the patient to follow medical advice.

Tuberculous patients frequently begin to look quite well and healthy shortly after the treatment is begun. But don't ever be deceived by looks where tuberculosis is concerned. It is not the patient's looks, but the condition of his lungs that is important in tuberculosis. The doctor, through X-ray pictures of the lungs and other tests, knows when it is safe for the



Season's
Greetings
To All

From The

LEGION
CAFE

Animals Termed First Conservationists of State

The beavers and squirrels were the original "conservationists" of Michigan, a University of Michigan zoologist points out in a recent publication.

Dr. William H. Burt, associate professor of zoology and curator of mammals in the University Museum of Zoology, is the author of "The Mammals of Michigan," a volume just released by the University of Michigan Press.

"Small mammals have a profound effect on soils and vegetation," Dr. Burt explains. "Burrowing animals are nature's tillers of the soil, continually bringing subsoil to the surface and opening subterranean passages through which air and water can penetrate."

The squirrel's habit of planting acorns and nuts, many of which he never finds again, spreads trees over new terrain. The beaver's dams kept the water table high and made possible the accumulation of debris and eroded soil behind the dams. Over a period of years, Dr. Burt writes, meadows were formed where there would have been a continuous forest to the stream's edge had it not been for the beavers. The meadows made a feeding ground for deer and elk.

Even smaller animals, such as

mice and shrews, play a part in maintaining the forests. They consume large quantities of injurious insects and by keeping the forest floor worked into a soft mulch, help check the erosional effects of the run-off of water.

Subscribe for the Avalanche
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"I could have had a dozen dates since I've been waiting for you." Can't blame him for being peeved, considering that what he has to offer is that wonderfully good FOX DE LUXE Extra Pale Beer, blended with imported Bohemian hops.

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remembrances
at Christmastime.

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Christmas of 1946
be among
the most joyous
you have ever known.

HUNTER'S
AuSable
Dairy



HOLIDAY SEASON

• Right now it's time to lay aside business cares and all that is complicated and get down to simple things. A little boy on the floor under the Christmas tree watching his electric train whizz past, the happy faces of little girls singing Christmas carols, boys coasting down the hill. Let's catch that spirit! Merry Christmas to you, and you, and you!

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

AND BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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During the Holidays,
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Tri-County Telephone Company



*Joy to the
World*
Christmas

- Christmas is not all tinsel and tissue or colored lights and merriment. It has a deeper significance, rooted in the long gone past, which sets it high above all other holidays of the year.
- It is our hope that this blessed season will bring to your home not only the festive joys of Yuletide but that deep inner peace which is essentially a part of Christmas.

HANSON HARDWARE CO.



Christmas is the one great event that transcends the bounds of any one country and embraces the whole world. In much the same way there is no limit or bounds to our good wishes for you for a Merry Christmas.

AuSable Insurance Agency
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CIVILIAN ATOMIC ENERGY CONTROL COMMISSION MEETS
Members of the all-civilian domestic atomic control commission, left to right: William W. Waymack, Des Moines, Iowa; Chairman David E. Lillenthal, Washington, D. C.; Lewis L. Strauss, New York City; Sumner T. Pike, Lubec, Maine; and Robert F. Bacher, Ithaca, N. Y., shown as they met to work in collaboration with the United Nations atomic commission on international phases of atomic energy.

Milk Bottle Shortage Critical

**December Output Down
Twenty Percent.**

Michigan milk distributors may be seriously hampered in their efforts to supply the bottled milk needed unless consumers co-operate in returning all their empty bottles, according to Charles Figy, Director of the State Department of Agriculture. Many distributors are at present without their usual reserve of bottles and shipments from glass manufacturers are far behind. Director Figy urges all consumers, grocery stores and restaurants to handle milk bottles with care and make every effort to return the empties to their milk man or store so that plants will have a sufficient supply to maintain their day to day deliveries.

Glass manufacturers advise that the severe shortage is due to increased demands for glass by the building and automobile industries. In the face of this increased demand, glass manufacturers have been cut severely on their quota of soda-ash, necessary for the manufacture of glass.

The average milk bottle will make from 40 to 60 trips before it is eventually broken. Increased consumption of milk has brought about tremendous demands for milk bottles. The paper shortage has created a similar condition in the manufacture of paper bottles. Figy states he was advised that milk bottle manufacturers were forced to cut their production 10 percent in November and may be required to cut up to 20 percent during December. The prospect for increased bottle production in the immediate future do not appear bright.

300 Vacancies In Nurse Schools

Around 300 vacancies in Michigan's schools of nursing are yet to be filled, Miss Elizabeth Hilborn, chairman of the student recruitment committee of the Michigan Council on Community Nursing, said today.

Nineteen of the state's schools of nursing have classes opening in February, Miss Hilborn pointed out and it is these February classes which are now open to prospective nurses. Hospitals which will enroll new nurses in February are Community Hospital at Battle Creek, Hurley Hospital in Flint, St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids, Mercy and Hackley Hospital in Muskegon, Mercy Hospital in Bay City, Foote Hospital in Jackson, Borgess Hospital in Kalamazoo, Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, St. Joseph Hospital in Mt. Clemens, St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw, St. Joseph Hospital in Hancock, Deaconess Hospital, Grace Hospital, Harper Hospital, Ford Hospital, Providence Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital and St. Francis Hospital, in Detroit.

The Michigan Council on Community Nursing, in making a plea for student nurses, urges especially that girls finishing high school in mid-year give consideration to a nursing career.

Miss Hilborn explained that there is a great need for nurses.

NOTICE

Milk will be delivered on **MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY** during Christmas Week, in order that our Employees may spend the holiday with their families.

**HUNTER'S
AuSable
DAIRY**

which, in turn, assures the graduate nurse of permanent employment in almost any field in which she may wish to specialize. "Several reasons contribute to Michigan's need for nurses," she said. "One of these is the expansion of health facilities, and another is the advance in medical science and the application of many new techniques."

Information regarding Michigan's schools of nursing and the classes opening in February may be obtained from the Michigan Council of Community Nursing, 51 West Warren, Detroit 1.

Christmas Seal Use Urged

Governor-elect Kim Sigler this week urged Michigan residents to "buy and use tuberculosis Christmas seals." The purchase of Christmas seals, he said, "is a sound investment in good health and one that we can all afford."

Mr. Sigler cited the 68 percent reduction in the state's TB death rate in 40 years of fighting this disease, but warned that "apathy now, during the tuberculosis Christmas seal sale, may prove the foothold which will enable the disease to stage a come-back."

"Tuberculosis can be wiped out if we give the doctors and health workers our full support," he continued. "As laymen, our chief



weapon in the fight is information. When all of our people know the facts about TB—what causes it, how it can be treated and prevented—we will be well on the road to eradication of this disease."

Ms. Sigler called for continued support of the work of the tuberculosis associations of the state "which for many years have worked so valiantly to prevent tuberculosis through public education." The text of his statement follows:

"Michigan's record in handling its tuberculosis problem is enviable. But let's make sure that this

ever-present problem is not overlooked among all the other difficulties that beset everyone these days.

"The efforts of the official and voluntary health organizations have borne fruit in this state. Forty years of fighting tuberculosis have reduced the death rate by 68 percent. Even so, 1,750 of our people died of the disease last year.

"Apathy now, during the tuberculosis Christmas seal sale, may prove the foothold which will enable the disease to stage a come-back. It may bring even more than the 5,000 new cases that were discovered in Michigan last year. "Tuberculosis can be wiped out if we give our doctors and health workers our full support. As laymen, our chief weapon in the fight is information. When all of our people know the facts about TB—what causes it, how it can be treated and prevented—we will be well on the road to eradication of this disease."

"For this reason, I urge every resident of Michigan to buy and use tuberculosis Christmas seals and to give generous support to the work of the tuberculosis associations of this state which for many years have worked so valiantly to prevent tuberculosis through public education."

"The purchase of Christmas seals is a sound investment in good health and one that we can all afford."

Local K. of C. Officers Installed

New officers for the Grayling Council 1982, Knights of Columbus, were installed at a meeting held at St. Mary's Church last Tuesday evening.

The installing officers were State Deputy E. Barrett, of Saginaw, District Deputy Walter Graveline of Bay City, District Deputy Al Maus of Bay City, and Henry Schultzy of West Branch.

Rev. Fr. Francis Branigan was installed as Chaplain and Lecturer. Frank Chervon, as Grand Knight; Lawrence Hunter, Deputy Knight; Wesley LaGrow, Recorder; Richard Lovely, Secretary; Robert Pawloski, Treasurer; Dr. Bernard Gottrey, Advocate; Leonard Marshall, Chancellor; Albert Charron, Warden; Grover Cox, Trustee; George Hinman and Joseph Cinciala, Guards.

Reveal Minnow-Open Water in County

The Conservation Department today revealed the waters which will be open this coming year for the taking of minnows on a commercial basis and the trout stream portions which will be open for hook and line fishing throughout the year. It was pointed out that those who might use the following information clip it out for reference.

Minnows may be taken for commercial purposes from the following waters in Crawford County during the year 1947:

AuSable River down from N. Line of T. 26 N., R. 4 W. (Pollock Bridge) to the city dam at US-27 bridge in Sec. 7 T. 26 N., R. 3 W. East Branch of the AuSable River down from River Lake to County Road bridge on Sec. 30 T. 28 N., R. 2 W.

Bradford Creek between Bradford and Beaver Lake.

Portage Creek down from a point 100 feet below dam to county line.

River Lake on Sec. 30 T. 28 N., R. 2 W.

School Section Creek and tributaries from Shellenbarger Lake to Middle Br. AuSable River.

Shellenbarger Lake (School Section Lake) inlets.

Sinkhole Pond on SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 Sec. 15 T. 27 N., R. 3 W.

Staley Lake, Sec. 24 T. 26 N., R. 3 W.

The following trout streams or portion of trout streams are open for hook and line fishing throughout the year of 1947 for taking species of fish on which the season is not closed:

AuSable River down from N. line of T. 26 N., R. 4 W. to dam. (Power Dam Pond only).

TO OUR MANY FRIENDS



Glad thoughts

And special wishes

Are happily combined

To make this

Christmas Greeting

The warmest kind.

ALFRED HANSON
CHEVROLET - OLDSMOBILE
and CADILLAC
SALES and SERVICE



We adults can learn much from our children—learn how to celebrate Christmas well. Let us turn back the clock this Christmas season of 1946 and get out of Christmas all the joys that children know when they hang their stockings up.

All together now for a big, glorious Christmas, topped off with our best wishes to all of you.

MARTIN'S
HI-SPEED SERVICE

Thanks,
Friends,
**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**
1946



MAY THE TREASURE OF
ACCUMULATED MEMORIES
of Christmases past and gone
gladden your Christmas celebration this year. We wish for you all the good things for which Christmas has always stood.

SORENSEN FUNERAL HOME



**Merry
Christmas
One And All!**

A SALUTE
TO OUR FRIENDS

—AND A BIG, HEARTY CHRISTMAS WISH
TO YOU ALL, THIS MERRY CHRISTMAS
SEASON.

Looking Back Over The Year Recalls To
Mind Our Greatest Source Of Pleasure Has
Been Our Contact With Folks Like You.

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Grayling, Michigan, Thursday, December 26, 1946.

The Shadow Lengthens...

The shadow of the year 1946 has almost reached its zenith on the floor of time as we enter the year's most joyous and happy holiday season. When we emerge from the laughter and happiness of this season of the year, we shall already have set foot in a brand new, unmarked 12 months—the year 1947.

1946 has proved a busy year around the old Snow-slide office; first, because of the increased patronage given us by the local businessmen, for which we are truly grateful. Secondly, because of a slowly increasing national market which has given us more national advertising; it would have been infinitely greater, except for the impediments of strikes and shortages.

We want to take this opportunity to wish our business associates, subscribers and patrons a very Merry Christmas and a really prosperous New Year. The year 1947 can be a banner year for our Country, State, and Community. We sincerely hope it is, and that all may share in the blessings of this season throughout the new year. R. W. S.

A sign in front of a shoe repair shop pictured several styles of rubber heels and a beautiful girl who was saying, "I'm in love with America's Number 1 heel." Underneath, in small feminine handwriting, someone had added: "Too bad, sister! I married him."



Santa's Trying To Think

OF A NEW WAY TO EXTEND
OUR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS,
BUT THE OLD—

MERRY
CHRISTMAS

STILL DOES THE JOB.

BARINGER'S
MEN'S SHOP

—LET AN AVALANCHE WANT AD SELL IT—



NEW CORN KING... Newton L. Halterman, Rushville, Ind., who was crowned "Corn King" at the International Hay and Grain show in Chicago recently. Halterman credits his success in winning the honor to "good farming practices, including the application of mixed fertilizer to the soil." He also said that his work was a factor in his son, Laird, 17, added to the family honors by taking second prize in the junior corn event. Halterman is shown with the yellow dent hybrid corn exhibited.

Interesting Events In
Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE
FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

(DECEMBER 27, 1923)

Miss Mildred Corwin, who is attending the Mt. Pleasant Normal School this year, is home for the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Corwin.

Skovgaard, the Danish violinist, will give a concert here January 11, under the auspices of the Woman's Club.

Charles Eagles of Flint was in the city this week shaking hands with old friends. Nine years ago Mr. Eagles was the boilermaker at the Michigan Central round-house in this city.

The Christmas tree and exercises given for the children of St. Mary's Church in the hall over the Burke garage last Saturday evening, was enjoyed not only by the children but a number of parents also. The program was in charge of Mrs. Walter Nadieu.

An out-of-town band concert was given by the local band the Friday night before Christmas; a mosquito made its appearance in the office Monday afternoon and trailing arbutus were picked in a swamp near Grayling last weekend. The weather is no longer to be taken as a matter of fact. We may all be going South for the winter without our knowledge.

Mr. and Mrs. Liland Smock are rejoicing over a real Christmas gift—a daughter, Wanda Marie, born December 23 at Mercy Hospital.

Election of officers was held Thursday evening, December 20,

with the following results: W. M. John Bruun; S. W. John C. Yohr; J. W. H. G. Jarmin; Tress, R. D. Cones; Sney, Frank; Sales, S. D. James Bowen; J. D. L. J. Kraus; Tyler, L. M. Mead.

Herman Doroh is suffering from injuries incurred when he was accidentally struck by a car driven by Leo Skinner, Saturday P. M. A broken leg and a few minor injuries resulted.

The mild weather has enabled rapid progress to be made on the new bridge which is being constructed on the Main Stream of the Ausable near Stephan's club houses.

The stork beat Santa Claus by two days when he delivered a baby girl to Mr. and Mrs. Neil Mathews, December 23.

James Hanson and family, the fore part of the week, moved back into the house on Peninsular Avenue which they were forced to leave when it was badly damaged by fire. Mrs. Hanson, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Hollowell, will resume serving meals and letting rooms.

In The World Of Sports John McGraw's salary as manager of the New York Giants is estimated at \$50,000 a year.

A hint from Cincinnati is that the management of the Reds would eagerly consider offers of a trade for Sam Bohne.

The Galveston club has purchased from the Tulsa club the veteran second baseman, Charles (Paddy) Baumann, with the purpose it is

presumed of making him manager of the Sand-crabs.

Robert Roth of Switzerland, who won the heavyweight wrestling championship at the last Olympic Games, has become a professional boxer.

Interesting news is the rumor that Kube Benton may give up baseball.

Seeking here and there for a second baseman, the Detroit club has signed for trial one Charles Gehringer, who made a notable record with an independent team at Angola, Ind., where he played under the name of Wilson.

Kipke and Uteritz, University of Michigan, All-American football half and quarterback respectively, may join Devil Dogs upon receiving their diplomas next June.

For the first time since the revival of the Olympic Games in 1896, athletic teams of Poland will be represented in Paris next year.

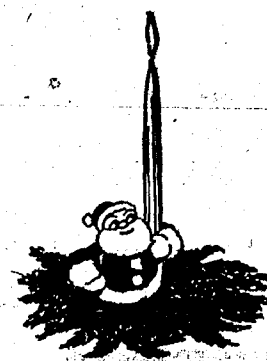
Babe Ruth frankly admits that he has never faced a pitcher who troubled him as much as "Shucks" Frutt of the Browns. Frutt with his peculiar slow fadeaway has struck out Ruth about every other time he has faced him.



Merry
CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS 1946

Christmas lights shed a glow unknown at any other time of the year. The same lights, after Christmas, have lost their charm, so, you see it is really the Christmas spirit that lights our homes! We wish you every happiness this Christmas season of 1946.

L. IETZ
CLEANERS AND
TAILORS



Hearty
Christmas
Greeting...

TO ALL OF YOU
FROM ALL OF US
At The

Cooke Service
Company



"PEACE
ON EARTH,
GOOD WILL
TO MEN"

AT THIS SEASON
OF THE YEAR
THE KINDNESSES
AND THOUGHTFUL-
NESS OF OUR
FELLOWMAN COME
STRONGLY TO
MIND. WE WISH

EVERYONE A VERY

MERRY CHRISTMAS

PETERSON BEVERAGE CO.

William LaGrow, Manager

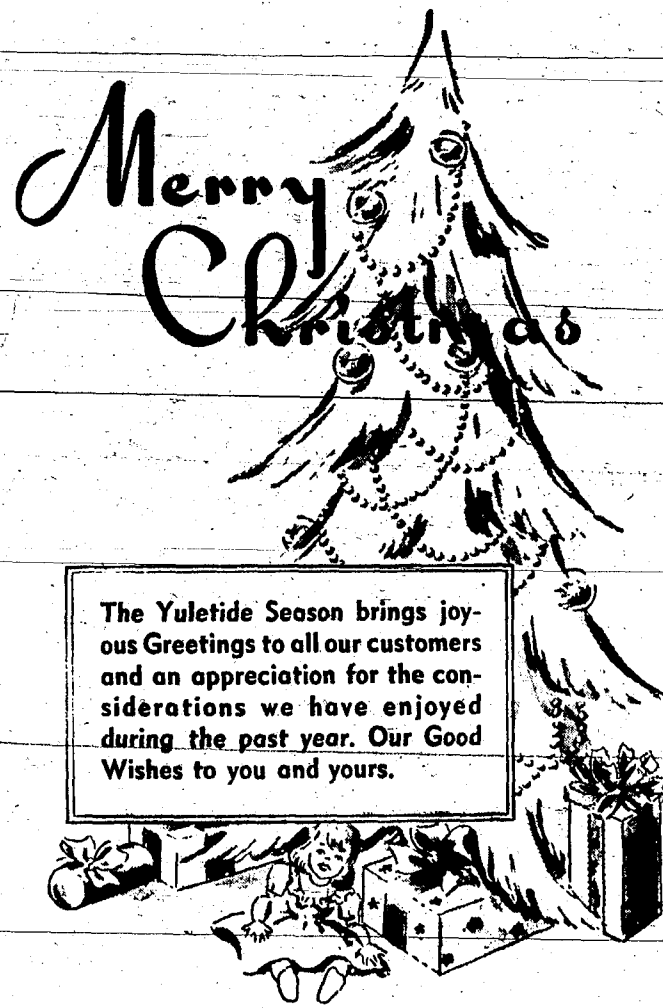


Ho! Ho!
for Christmas!

Merrily, merrily,
jolly good friends,
and a grand and
glorious holiday
to you all!

GRAYLING GAS AND OIL CO.

WILLIAM TUFTS



The Yuletide Season brings joyous Greetings to all our customers and an appreciation for the considerations we have enjoyed during the past year. Our Good Wishes to you and yours.

SPIKE'S Keg O'Nails



Hang High The
Colorful
Christmas
Wreath . . .

And a Very
**MERRIE
CHRISTMAS**

To One And All, From The
KENNEDY FLOWER SHOP



**CHRISTMAS
THOUGHT**

● THESE ARE DAYS WHEN WE ARE ALL IN A BIG HURRY TO GET HOME, FOR THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME WHEN THE CHRISTMAS WREATH IS GLOWING IN THE WINDOW. WE ARE DUE RIGHT NOW TO SAY OUR LITTLE PIECE—AN OLD REFRAIN, IT IS TRUE, BUT AS WARM AND HEARTFELT AS THE FIRST TIME WE EVER SAID IT—

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Grayling Lumber & Supply Co.

**PEACE
ON EARTH
GOOD WILL
TO MEN . . .**



AS the light of Christmas again brightens our faces and lightens our hearts, we turn our thoughts from ourselves to help others. For this is the spirit that first saw the light of day in a stable at Bethlehem, two thousand years ago, and which has endured ever since.

May God bless and protect you and your dear ones and bring happiness to your home this Christmas season.

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By VIRGINIA VALE

WHEN Mercedes McCambridge was screen-tested for "Little Women," her friends thought she'd fit the role of "Jo," but it was "Meg" she was considered for, which certainly doesn't seem right for her. She's got them puzzled on another count; Mercedes, who's always solving problems on "Big Sister," does it in her dreams when she has to take an anesthetic. Has the dream so many of us have—thinks she knows the answer to what life is all about. The last time, the dentist said she shout-



MERCEDES McCAMBRIDGE

ed "I know now. Please remind me to tell you." But the gal who does so well on so many air shows, including "Grand Central Station," never can remember what she learned in her dream, to her friends' annoyance.

James Baskett owes his film debut in Walt Disney's RKO released "Song of the South" to the fact that the "Amos 'n' Andy" program came to Hollywood. Hearing that Disney wanted someone for "Uncle Remus," Baskett made a recording; when Disney heard it, the 41-year-old Baskett, who's "Gabby Gibson" on the air, got the job. He also doubled for the voices of the butterfly and "Br'er Fox."

Joyce Reynolds, who received a leave of absence from Warner Bros. eighteen months ago to marry Marine Lt. Robert Lewis, has returned to the fold, and will star with Robert Hutton in "The Wallflower." She was last paired with him in "Jangle."

Skinny Ennis, of the Abbott and Costello Show, got his best break because a friend got a bad one. Saxy Dowell was vocalist of Hal Kemp's band, Ennis was drummer. When Dowell fell and broke his hip, Kemp literally forced Skinny to get out and sing—and was the bashful, scared Mr. Ennis amazed when the girls went "Wheel" over his breathy, confidential style! (Note: He's no longer bashful!)

If Vall, the Italian actress, arrives in time she will make her American screen debut in Alfred Hitchcock's "The Paradine Case," working with Ethel Barrymore, Gregory Peck, Ann Todd, Louis Jourdan, Charles Laughton and Charles Coburn. According to United Artists, she is Italy's greatest dramatic actress; she won the equivalent of our Academy Award for her work in "Piccolo Mondo Antico."

There must be something about Virginia Brissac and Tom Fadden that makes casting directors think they look like a minister and his wife. They were a preacher and his wife in "Destry Rides Again"; in United States Pictures' recently completed "Parade" they're a sky-pilot and spouse. And some spring they'll work in "Distant Drums," a story of the Oregon Trail—as a pastor and his helpmeet.

A nationwide survey revealed that the best known motion picture star ever to appear on a screen was Rin Tin Tin. The survey was conducted for PRC Pictures, Inc., in connection with the forthcoming "The Return of Rin Tin Tin," starring R.T.T. III.

When British actor Rex Harrison was on the CBS "Academy Award," he invited Director Dee Engelbach to tea; telling the guest how to reach his home, he said, "It's a five-minute walk to the top of the road, a tuppence ha'penny ride. You can't miss it. The bobby at the roundabout, just beyond the pub, will direct you." Despite those well-nigh-fatal words, "You can't miss it," Engelbach found it.

ODDS AND ENDS—Sponsors for CBS "This Is Hollywood" have closed a deal with Universal-International to do eight of their story properties on consecutive broadcasts this season. . . . Humphrey Bogart's going to try a new slant on being a menace in "Dark Passage"; in several sequences only his hands and feet will be seen. . . . Joan Crawford, vacationing in the East, is taking ice-skating lessons; that gal can learn to do anything she wants to, and do it well. . . . William Cagney has bought screen rights to William Faulkner's "Two Soldiers"; Audie Murphy, much-decorated soldier, will star.

WHEN Joan Edwards' first picture, "Hit Parade of 1947," is released she'll make only one personal appearance in connection with it. She plans to appear gratis at the neighborhood theater in Washington Heights, New York City, where she attended movies during her childhood days. She had already made up her mind to break into show business; as she sings to delightfully, "It Comes Naturally," what with her being the niece of the famous Gus Edwards. And, being Joan, she'll give one of the best performances of her life in that little theater—and perhaps inspire some other youngster to work as she has to win success.

Though Burl Ives was never chosen as the boy most likely to succeed at the Eastern Illinois State Teachers College, he certainly was the most famous member of his class when he attended its reunion.



BURL IVES

Hailed as America's mightiest ballad singer, Burl has starred on Broadway, has been featured in 20th Century-Fox's "Smoky," and now he has his own radio program, heard Friday evenings over Mutual.

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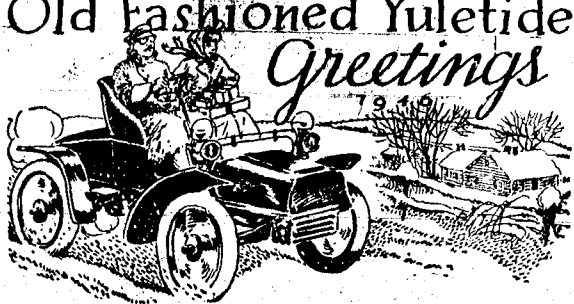
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"Mrs. Hudson," Holmes' housekeeper in "The New Adventures of Sherlock Holmes" over NBC, is being portrayed by an English actress, Marjorie Bennett. Mary Gordon, who played "Mrs. Hudson" for the past several years both on the air and screen, is now in Scotland making a picture, "Bonnie Prince Charlie." Incidentally, many people believe that Holmes actually lived—not long ago someone sent a calabash pipe to Nigel Bruce, who's "Dr. Watson," declaring that it's one Holmes smoked many times when he lived at 221 Baker Street.

William Gargan, the screen star, is winning new laurels as hard-hitting Russ Dolan, the private investigator on "I Deal in Crime" over ABC Saturday nights. But he isn't neglecting his screen career; "Till the End of Time" is his latest.

Rumors certainly were flying when Fred Allen nosed Bob Hope out of first place in those popularity ratings. The latest Hooperating looks familiar, with Fibber McGee and Molly in first place, followed in order by the Charlie McCarthy show, Bob Hope, Bing Crosby, and Fred Allen. Jack Benny's ninth, Amos 'n' Andy thirteenth. Which doesn't mean that a lot of us don't still prefer Allen.

Adolph Menjou gets a fine break, playing the title role in Columbia's film, version of radio's "Mr. District Attorney." The cast includes Marguerite Chapman, Dennis O'Keefe, Michael O'Shea and George Coulouris, and Sam Bischoff is producing.

When Sherman J. Dryer books important guest stars for his science-drama series, "Exploring the Unknown," Sundays on Mutual, he's responsible for the appearance of many famous people in the audience. Kay Francis brought Grace Moore, the opera star, and Elsa Maxwell along when she appeared.



THEME FOR TOURNAMENT OF ROSES . . . "Holidays in Flowers" will be the theme of Pasadena's tournament of roses on New Year's Day, the committee in charge of the event announced, with Pat Keller, four, as "Little Mister 1947." Pat in the traditional scanty garb of the Little New Year, turned the pages of a huge flower-bedecked calendar to point out the many holidays celebrated in this country. Rose bowl game will be the feature of the tournament.

And on one week's session Pat O'Brien was accompanied by William O'Dwyer, the mayor of New York.

Henry Morgan, ABC's mad humorist, complained so much on the air about not having a place to live that the National Housing Authority got him to make a series of two-minute transcriptions for country-wide distribution to radio stations.

Marilyn Maxwell, M-G-M actress and featured songstress of the Abbott and Costello air show, writes songs as a hobby.

ODDS AND ENDS—Roller skating fans will get a thrill when they see Rita Hayworth swirl through a whole ballet on skates in Columbia's "Down to Earth." . . . Elliott Lewis is doing a second Sunday network comedy show; in addition to "Sunday at Patsy's," he's appearing as "Frankie," the guitarist, on the Phil Harris Alice Faye show. . . . Judy Garland is doing a straight dramatic role in "Drive-He," in the CBS "Suspense." . . . Eleanor Parker ("Never Say Goodbye" with Errol Flynn), is the only actress we know of who was discovered while doing nothing but watching a play at the Pasadena Playhouse when a talent scout spotted her.

Says Cleanliness A Resort 'Must'

Cleanliness is essential to success in the tourist and resort business, according to C. A. Dunn, tourist and resort specialist at Michigan State College. The agricultural engineer says forethought in selection of materials used in construction will reduce the amount of work required to keep cabins and cottages clean. The use of inlaid tile, tile, tile or asphalt tile as floor materials in the living quarters.



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STATE OF MICHIGAN
The Probate Court for the
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At a session of said Court, held
at the Probate Office in the City
of Grayling in said County, on the
10th day of December, 1946.

Present, Honorable Ray F. Clement, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of
Lettie Trevegnio, Deceased.

Carl W. Johnson, having filed
his petition, praying that an in-
strument filed in said Court be ad-
mitted to Probate as the last will
and testament of said deceased and
that administration of said estate
be granted to Carl W. Johnson and
Melvin M. Trevegnio or some other
suitable person.

It is Ordered, That said 14th day
of January, 1947, at 10:00 A. M. at
said Probate Office is hereby ap-
pointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That pub-
lic notice thereof be given by pub-
lication of a copy of this order,
once in each week, for three weeks
consecutively, previous to said
day of hearing, in the Crawford
Avalanche, a newspaper printed
and circulated in said County.

Ray F. Clement,
Judge of Probate.

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Ray F. Clement,
Judge of Probate. 12-19-26-2

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

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Murder In Plain Sight



SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I: Duke McCale establishes an enviable reputation as a private detective in Boston. He is consequently surprised and grieved when Miss Adelaide Bigelow, wealthy old aristocrat, asks him to guard the presents during the festivities surrounding her niece's wedding. McCale accepts because he senses that Miss Bigelow is afraid of something more sinister than theft.

CHAPTER II: Next day Miss Bigelow shows McCale the rich presents. One attracts his attention. It is a deed to a modernistic mansion from Christopher Storm, noted architect. McCale then hears piano music. The music stops, and a tall, beautiful, blonde woman appears. She is Mrs. Karen Bigelow.

must accompany each bid. Do not send cash. Deposit will be promptly returned if bid is not accepted. Sealed envelope containing bid should be plainly marked: "Bid 20-17 Excess" and should be mailed or delivered to Michigan State Highway Department, 300 Olds Tower, Lansing 8, Michigan.

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Charles M. Ziegler,
State Highway Commissioner,
Lansing, Michigan
December 16, 1946

PROCEEDINGS COUNCIL

December 2, 1946

Regular meeting called to order by Mayor George Burke.

Councilmen present: Burke, Burns, Trudgeon, Gross, Carlson, Attorney Moore, Absent, None.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

The following visitors were present: Wm. Raas, Roy Milnes, and Carl Johnson, Dr. Clippert representing the Grayling Golf Club, Clayton McDonnell, Herbert McDonnell and Robert Strong.

A communication from the Woman's Club was read, requesting the City Council to erect speed limit signs on U. S. 27 thru the City of Grayling. This matter is being referred to the State Highway Department as that Department has exclusive control over U. S. 27.

After a lengthy discussion regarding the prospects of the City of Grayling taking over the Grayling Golf Club as a municipal course, the matter was tabled until further information could be gathered.

A long discussion regarding the City taking over and operating the Grayling Army Air Field; the matter was tabled for a special meeting when it would be possible for us to have Col. Evans of the State Department of Aeronautics here, and possibly Col. Loomis of the Michigan National Guard.

Moved by Burke, supported by Burns, that the invoice of General Sales Company of Cadillac for office road plan and snow plow hitch in the amount of \$948.20 be paid.

Yea: Burke, Burns, Trudgeon, Carlson Gross. Nay: None.

Moved and supported that meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

George A. Granger,
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BOWLING ALLEYS

CHAPTER III

Lost in his reverie of this neo-Grec vision, McCale hardly heard Adelaide Bigelow speak.

"May I present Mr. McCale, Sybil? This is Mrs. Joel Bigelow. The bride's mother." She put her hand on his sleeve. "Mr. McCale's Agency is overseeing the wedding gifts."

With an effort he brought himself back to the woman who faced him. He was conscious of an impressive bust followed by about a hundred and fifty dollars worth of shaped and girdled figure, expensively trained not to split the seams of a black afternoon dress. She wore far too much gold costume jewelry just below the chin of an Elizabeth Arden face topped by a soignée up hair-do. Her manner was arrogant as she repeated his name in the cool, detached tone she might use to a chauffeur. She acknowledged the introduction, that was all, then moved majestically away, following her bust to a low table in pursuit of a glass of sherry.

A corner of McCale's mind was still at the introduction, the white goddess now played something by Gershwin in a real broken beat. He caught an amused glance from Miss Bigelow before she presented him to the couple sitting on the sofa.

"Victoria Bigelow," murmured Miss Adelaide, "and Stephen—the bride's sister and brother."

The girl looked a little old around the eyes, a little hard around the mouth. She was, somehow, like a drawing in the slightly degenerate, macabre style of Biederfeld—all black and white, with angry drawn eyebrows and smudged, jaundiced.

There was something viperish in the way she held her pointed chin. Her body, sheathed in a dress styled for someone far beyond her age, seemed too assured, too relaxed, too willing. She looked at McCale, her glance traveling from his head to his toes, as if she were selecting a horse or a dog for her own special amusement, appraising it for looks, for line, for vitality.

McCale choked back the cutting remark that tumbled in his throat and turned to the man. As it was understood, Victoria lowered her eyes in a calculating glance, sipped her highball and smiled a wide, knowing smile.

It was easy to see that Stephen Bigelow was Victoria's brother. He had the same hard finish, the white skin, the narrow face. In twenty years, he would be lantern-jawed and hollow-eyed. Already there was a crease of cruelty around his unsmiling mouth. From the way he attacked his highball, McCale suspected his petulance was partly the effect of a speedily evanescent liver.

He wolfed his drink while nodding to McCale, but his eyes were fixed on the woman at the piano.

The woman at the piano! As they crossed the room in her direction, the charm she diffused, the spell she wove seemed to grow stronger. He wondered what it could be, for upon closer inspection, her face was paler than it had seemed at a distance.

Lovely, Veronica

Seems Nervous

"Mrs. Stephen Bigelow," said Miss Adelaide, and left McCale looking down at a polite Garboish mawkish, a smile and a slender, cigarette-stained finger picking out a lush tone. Yet that sensual, decadent that might have been purely chemical, or even glandular, was there. He felt it as he knew Stephen, the woman's husband, felt it. He sensed what stavery there must be in loving a woman like this, could see that part of Stephen's restlessness was a sickness, and that he was living on the cocaine of her magic.

She didn't resent his standing there as she played. She didn't speak or smile or make any effort to put him at his ease. She knew he was dazzled, not quite sure of himself, but it didn't seem to amuse her. Breaking off in the middle of a run and without speaking, she reached for a coffee cup at the far end of the keyboard.

McCale looked up to see Miss Bigelow offering him an old-fashioned. "The dear old thing actually was a cynical gleam in her eye," he thought. "Surely this silent piano playing Swede isn't the menace around here. I'm just a sucker for an exotic picture, that's all." He would have liked to reassure Miss Bigelow.

Karen had seated herself beside her husband, and joined by Sybil, the small group was carrying on a desultory conversation about the wedding rehearsal, the bride's maids, and the ushers. It was the usual half-catty post-mortem.

"She's very beautiful, isn't she?" said Miss Bigelow, catching McCale again with his eyes on Karen.

"Mm," McCale grunted, smiling. "Is she always like this?"

"A Nordic princess?" Miss Adelaide smiled, slight distaste curling the corners of her mouth. "I . . . I'm afraid not."

"Ah. The descriptive Swedish blank."

"Just so."

"She's very talented."

"Yes, indeed."

Miss Bigelow was making him feel like Paul Pry. Why had she been giving him the impression, in the last few minutes, that Karen was worth watching then? He changed the subject.

"Will you want me to have my man on duty tonight?" He watched

her closely. All the tightness came back into her eyes.

"I—I don't know."

Suddenly he was like a man waiting in a dentist's office, wanting to start something go in there and get it over with. He started to talk, almost blurted out, "You're in some trouble, Miss Bigelow. You need help. You do. You came to me this morning with it written all over your face. You're afraid of something—something that has nothing to do with wedding gifts." He made a gesture as if he were waving them away. "You are afraid, I know."

"I suppose you do." But though her hand trembled, her eyes were vacant.

"Tell me what it is. Give me your confidence. If you want my help, I must have it. What do you fear? Who is making you afraid?"

"Now I've done it," he cursed to himself, for she threw him a sharp, half-angry glance, and got up. He stumbled to his feet, blind with anger at himself, but she was smiling at two people who were entering the room.

The girl was all gold. Her skin tones were coffee and cream, in the liquid sense of a Laurencin portrait. She was not beautiful, but her face had a depth and a glow that was curiously warming. That was it. She was warm and golden, and you knew at once that she was intelligent and nice, as well as decorative. Her hair was long, naturally curly, and of a burnished bronze color. Her head was set on a perfectly proportioned body. Dressed as she was in shades of beige and brown, simply and in beautiful taste, she was at once quietly charming, assured, thoroughbred.

Something both electric and animal came into the room with Curt Vallancourt. Even if there had not been the little piping ecstatic thrill of Sybil's "Curt, dear!", the quick fire that lighted Victoria's gleaming eyes, the husky overtones of Karen saying, "Behold the bridegroom, cometh," McCale would have known the identity of this physical rhapsody.

Here was a consciously beautiful young man in a great big way: tall and wide, dark, and strong, virile and violent. He had a large, curly black head, dark eyes that held a passionate promise. He was a dynamic person—the kind to whom things were bound to happen.

He acknowledged the introduction to the detective in a deep strong voice, with a handshake that made McCale almost buckle at the knees.

It was three or four minutes before the blitzkrieg of his arrival settled into a steady, slow appreciation of him. McCale himself was rarely impressed by mere sensual attraction and was loath to admit the catalytic effects of it. Here, if ever, was its complete manifestation, however. He backed away toward the piano, the better to take a closer survey. As unobtrusively as possible, he let his dark, hard stare sweep around the circle.

Afterward, he was to come back to that short scene many times, trying to put together the pieces of the riddle as they presented themselves in the next few moments. It was all there, had he known it, the wheels within wheels, the red thread of danger, the shadow of death. Each intimate gesture, the shading of a phrase, each bit of conversation overheard, held portent, deep and inevitable.

More Puzzles

Developing

As it was the things that remained in his mind to puzzle him were these: Conversation became general though the atmosphere still contained a peculiar effluvia of underlying edginess. He noticed that Adelaide Bigelow seemed as overcome by the positively theatrical charm of Curt as the rest, and that even Stephen had pulled out of his alcoholic depression, and was watching Curt with an almost physical worship. Karen glowed, silver and white, Victoria's eyes were slits. Sybil was wide-eyed. Storm was quiet, but appreciative. And Veronica was chatting nervously, the same note of strain in her golden diction. She was like a glided fragment tossed in a glittering vortex.

It was when Curt said, in that compelling voice of his, "Very magnanimous of you, Chris, to give us The Nest," that a warning signal flashed in McCale's brain. It was spoken with such charming naivete, as if through McCale, the one thing he really liked was manners. He was making a most conscious effort.

Storm only smiled, steadily. He shrugged, retorting, "Veronica always gets everything she wants."

"Oh, Chris," Veronica put out her hand to him, started to say something, stopped.

Chris turned to her for a brief moment, a blank look coming over his face. There was a lost world in his eyes.

Victoria laughed shrilly. She made a quick nervous gesture, bit her lower lip, and looked a sudden significant, pleading question—to Curt. Curt seemed to square off to her. He shook his head as if he were saying, "No."

Everyone was concentrating upon Storm and Veronica at that moment and McCale caught no one else saw that exchange of glances between those other two. Afterward he was to wonder.

Vallancourt went over to his future brother-in-law, almost as if in apology for neglecting her. She was a little high on too much sherry and was quite crushing to him. In a bad-tempered manner she shook off his attempted cooing. Without her fixed cosmetic smile, her face was an unbecoming mask. She made up an unbearable middle-aged. There was a puzzle there in the coolness between Curt and Sybil.

The Conquering Hero Comes

"Storm, Christopher Storm," the young man said. "You're Duke McCale and I've heard of you."

McCale stifled the impulse to say, "Shush." He said, "Well, and let go the hand of this big fellow who had designed and built a house called 'The Nest'."

Christopher Storm was tall and lean and athletic. His face missed being handsome by way of a rather square jaw and generous mouth. He had candid blue eyes and curly hair of a nondescript shade. He wore a gray double-breasted suit, carelessly, in that rather ill-fitting manner that is unfortunately considered top-drawer and very, very English. It made him look a bit slack and loosely knit, which was not the case. His grip and voice were pure steel. He offered McCale a Chesterfield. They liked each other at once. It was as easy and unassuming as that.

Christopher maneuvered McCale toward the bottled liquids, mixed them both a drink. He motioned to a seat beside himself, saying without preliminary, "Heard about you in that dyehouse racket. Pretty keen deduction. What brings you here?"

"Wedding presents."

"Not really? Didn't know you went in for small stuff."

"I have to make a living. Cases like the dyehouse murders are few and far between."

Storm's blue eyes narrowed.



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MAKE GOOD
 CHEER FOR

Christmas

One need not be told it is
 Christmastime. The glowing
 faces of friend and
 stranger alike bespeak it.
 It gives us the same thrill as
 of old to wish all our friends
 and those who are still to
 become our friends,
 a very Merry Christmas.

RASMUSSEN LUMBER CO.



GREETINGS!

Music and song and happiness everywhere!
 Lighted windows, green trees brilliant with
 glowing bulbs, all contributing to the grand
 sum total of Christmas.

It's fine to celebrate Christmas again
 this season of 1946, fine to have finished
 another year in this community of happy
 homes and friendly people.

To Each and All We Wish

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

DUKE'S HOTEL

WALTER "DUKE" DUDEWICZ



CHILD OFFERS SOLUTION TO U. N. PROBLEM . . . Michelle Etcheverry, seven, shown with her brother, Dominick. She wrote a letter to Secretary of State Byrnes suggesting a plan for establishing the future status of Trieste. Michelle's plan calls for selection of committees elected by the people of Trieste. Michelle, who lives in New York City, became interested in world peace efforts after her father, Pvt. Alfred Etcheverry, was killed in action near Luxembourg in 1945.



NEW AMBASSADOR . . . Former undersecretary of the treasury, O. Max Gardner, North Carolina, who has been appointed by President Truman as U. S. ambassador to Great Britain to replace W. Averell Harriman, now secretary of commerce. Gardner reported to London immediately.

Minor Drinking In Spotlight

Drinking by minors today had the spotlight of attention of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission which launched a state-wide educational campaign to aid licensees in keeping persons under 21 years of age from establishments dispensing alcoholic beverages. Posters depicting a teen-ager trying to obtain a "drink" from a bartender, only to be met by a rebuff of "Who You Kidding Kid", are being placed in all places selling alcoholic beverages by the state, pointing to the fact that a person must be 21 years of age or older to legally buy a drink. The four-color posters are being put in the licensed establishments by investigators of the Liquor Commission and officers of the local police departments and the county sheriff's departments.

"Selling to minors or permitting



1946
**Merry
 Christmas**

SINCERE

GOOD WISHES
 for a delightful
 holiday season
 from the store
 that friendship
 built.

BURROW'S
 SELF-SERVE
 MARKET

traffic law has been violated. And amazingly enough, a majority of automobile riders killed are snuffed out between two and three in the morning when traffic virtually is at its lowest. Prof. Morrison thinks this is because night clubs and taverns close at that time and a high percentage of persons on the streets then have indulged in drink.

Strangely enough, too, it's the residential, not the business districts, that claim the most lives. Collisions at intersections account for more than half the deaths, while other types of automobile collisions, crashes with streetcars, and accidents with trains follow in that order.

"Darkness plays a large part in night-time traffic deaths," the professor states, "but neither darkness, winter driving conditions nor any other factors play as large a part in such situations as drinking."

The greatest vehicle occupant death rate is among persons from 20 to 24 years of age, while most pedestrian fatalities are between 50 and 54 years of age. One-quarter of the pedestrians, and three-quarters of the vehicle occupants killed are 18 to 44 years of age.

About 40,000 persons are killed and 1,000,000 injured in the United States traffic annually. By way of emphasizing this, Prof. Morrison says that if such persons were stretched out from Ann Arbor to Los Angeles—a distance of 2,500 miles—there would be a corpse every 330 feet and an injured person every 13 feet.

"THE SEASON'S
 BEST FOR ALL"



Says Santa For The
**GRAYLING
 BAKERY**

December Is Danger Month

Want to live to enjoy Christmas and the New Year? Then be extra careful walking and driving this month, for more traffic deaths occur in December than any other time of year.

According to Roger L. Morrison, University of Michigan professor of highway engineering and transportation, December is always highest in traffic fatalities because of a combination of drink, darkness, winter weather, and holiday festivities. Saturdays and Sundays are the worst days as there are more persons on the streets "available for killing," he indicates.

Last December 3,320 persons were killed in United States traffic mishaps, but Prof. Morrison says the number probably will be greater this year because traffic accidents have increased about 30 percent.

Alcohol plays a major part in 50 percent of pedestrian and vehicle occupant traffic deaths during the Christmas month, he states.

Police reports generally say only one in five persons killed have indulged. Doctors who have examined brains of such persons say one-half of all traffic victims imbibed an intoxicant shortly before they were killed, he explains. Such persons often are not very drunk, either, Prof. Morrison indicates, but have had just enough to make them feel gay and to upset their coordination.

Evening High Spot
 Most pedestrian deaths occur between six and seven in the evening, just after the peak of the day's traffic. Almost always some

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 SANTA'S PLANS
 INCLUDE A

VERY
**MERRY CHRISTMAS
 FOR YOU!**



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For TOTS and TEENS
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BOTTLE FENCE GARDENS

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THE OTSEGONS

with JUNE at the Piano

Come On Out And:

Ring Out the Old — Ring In the New

May The Christmas Star
 Shine On A Peaceful
 World For You And
 Yours, Is The Wish Of

THE EMPLOYEES,
 OFFICERS AND
 DIRECTORS OF THE



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 FINEST BEER

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NO SUGAR OR
 GLUCOSE ADDED

BETTY SUE by JOHN SELESKY



We hope we've made your Christmas really "something" . . . that we've supplied your table with every fine food needed to make your Christmas dinner a real success. As our Christmas gift to you, we promise to continue to keep highest quality foods, beer and wine, and reasonable prices. Shop where you save.

JOHN'S GROCERY
PH. 2276

WE WANTED
SANTA TO NAIL
OUR GREETINGS
ON THE DOOR
OF EACH OF
YOU — BUT
YOU KNOW HOW



BUSY HE IS THESE DAYS.

ACCEPT OUR BEST WISHES FOR
THE 1946 HOLIDAY SEASON.

RON'S HARDWARE

SEASON'S
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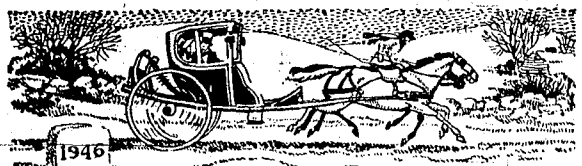
VERY
MERRIE

CHRISTMAS, Says Santa

TO YOU FROM US

— AT —

AuSable Potato Chip Company



Merry Christmas
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

Styles change, methods change, but Christmas—never! Beneath it all is the same old love of man, for his folks and his neighbors, the same old dream of the day when peace and good will encompass all the earth.

So now in that changeless season of Christmas we greet our friends and neighbors, as so often before, with that timeworn message of cheer and good fellowship, MERRY CHRISTMAS!

E. R. BURNS

Northern Lights

SURPLUS TOOLS

During the past year the Grayling Schools have received a Hammond Grinder power tool and two different tool kits from War Surplus materials.

Last summer a tool kit from the Southfield Supply pool was received. The box contained screw drivers, a leather hammer, shop aprons, drills, elbow wrenches, files, pipe tap, pliers, end wrenches, clamps, and assorted drills, taps, cutters, and other tools.

Recently a kit packed for overseas shipment, containing tools for repairing a 2½-ton 6x8 G. M. C. truck. This pack contained 2 screw drivers, 4 double-end wrenches, adjustable wrench, combination pliers, Ball Peen hammer, spark plug wrench, jack assembly, hand tire pump, tire gauge, wheel nut wrench, lubrication gun, iron wire, tire valve kit, friction tape, drive belt, spark plug gasket, and manual.

PAINTING
The kindergarten, 4th and 6th grade room and third grade rooms are gleaming under a new coat of paint. The fourth graders will find their room nice and new after Christmas. Painters plan to be busy all vacation time catching on painting that should have been done six or seven years ago. The painting is part of the program planned and made possible by the special 5-mill building and repair tax voted at the annual meeting in 1945.

HOMEMAKING
The Homemaking girls proudly displayed their Christmas projects for the P. T. A. meeting last Wednesday. Old and new materials were used to make inexpensive and practical gifts. The girls learned in a practical way that it does not take a lot of money to make enjoyable gifts. A little ingenuity, careful planning and elbow grease often bring more than money alone can buy.

VISUAL EDUCATION
The Health and other classes saw the slide film, with sound, study titled "Two Precious Pilots". This film explained by drawings and explanations the functioning and care of the eyes, and was supplied by the Westinghouse Corporation.

The General Electric Company sent a regular color 16 mm. film on "Railroading" that was enjoyed by several groups.

T.B. SEALS
The elementary grades broke all records by selling over \$70.00 worth of seals. The 5th and 6th grade room led the way with a total of 2,000 seals, or \$20. The 5th grade was close behind with \$18 in total sales. The sale was directed by Mrs. Conroy and money was sent to the State Office in Lansing to aid in the work carried on each year.

SPECIAL NOTE
Everyone is asked to note that there will be no classes on Monday and Tuesday, December 30—Monday 31. There will be no classes on Wednesday, January 1, but school will be in session as usual, Thursday and Friday, January 2 and 3.

HOT LUNCH
Unless it is necessary to change our plans, hot lunches will start Monday, January 6. Tickets will be 15c per lunch or 75c per week.

SENIOR PROM
After several days of indecision due to the coal strike, plans have gone ahead for the Annual Senior Prom, to be held on Saturday, December 28.

SANTA CLAUS
On Thursday evening the Christmas program was held at the South Side School. Santa Claus put in his appearance and pupils and parents enjoyed the program. Shortly after recess in the afternoon the kindergarten was surprised by Santa, who stopped in on his way to the South Side for the evening program. He carried a gift for each boy and girl in his sack.

Friday morning he was back again, helping out with the programs in each grade room and taking part in the high school program. He admired the trees, gifts and decorations that he found in the rooms.

BAND
We wish to thank the Sportsmen's Club, the Eastern Stars and the Woman's Club for the donations to be used for band instruments and uniforms. With the funds a drum, clarinet and trombone have been purchased through the P. T. A. project.

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NIGHT BEFORE
Christmas

May
CHRISTMAS
Bring You
JOY
AND GLADNESS
DAWSON'S



Christmas
is here!

Peace and
Good Will

Lighting the way to better
fellowship and good will
towards all is Christmas.
That it may be a truly
happy Christmas for each
of you is our ardent wish.

**AUSABLE
RESTAURANT**
AL CARRIVEAU

**YULETIDE
IS HERE**



And Once Again It
Gives Us Pleasure
To Wish You A
Very

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

H. G. JARMIN
GENERAL
INSURANCE
Phone 2701

Mio Sportsmen To Hold 2-Day Fox Hunt

The Mio Sportsmen's Club has scheduled its annual fox hunt for Saturday and Sunday, December 28 and 29, according to publicity chairman Harold V. Stark.

Firearms are to be restricted to shotguns only, for safety's sake in the close contact hunting. The sportsmen will meet at 10 o'clock each of the two mornings at the County Road Commission Shop No. 1 to start the day's hunt. The club invites and will welcome all good sportsmen.

Straits Traffic Now On Winter Schedule

The Winter schedule for the State Highway Department Ferries at the Straits of Mackinac is announced by Highway Commissioner Charles M. Ziegler.

The regular winter schedule, with service by the ice-breaker *Sainte Marie*, leased from the Mackinac Transportation Co., began December 16 and will continue through April 30, 1947, when the state boats again will take over the Straits run at the start of the spring schedule.

Following is the Winter Schedule (Dec. 16 - April 30):

Leave Mackinac City—7:30 a. m., 10:30 a. m., 1:30 p. m., 4:30 p. m., 7:30 p. m., 10:30 p. m.

Leave St. Ignace—8:00 a. m., 9:00 a. m., 12:00 noon, 3:00 p. m., 6:00 p. m., 9:00 p. m.

The schedule is run by Eastern Standard Time.

VETERAN NEWS

From the OFFICE OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

LANSING
Michigan Waives Sales Tax On Cars for Amputees

Culminating three months of effort on the part of the Office of Veterans' Affairs and the Veterans Administration, working in co-operation with the Department of State and State Revenue Department, the Attorney General released an opinion to the legal division of the Veterans Administration setting forth a method whereby the Michigan state sales tax can be remitted in cases where the government provides automobiles to amputee veterans under Public Law 663, 79th Congress.

The Attorney General's opinion, which was issued December 4, advised the Veterans Administration that automobiles purchased by the Veterans Administration for disabled veterans of World War II in accordance with an Act of Congress are not subject to the Michigan sales tax upon purchase price of not to exceed \$1,000. The Attorney General rules that proper record of such sale shall be made to the Secretary of State.

When a dealer presents an application for certificate of title to such an automobile, such application showing no sales tax was paid, he must present for inspection the Approved Sales Agreement signed by a representative of the Veterans Administration. The dealer then makes a marginal notation, "Governing no sales tax. Amputee government gift".

G. S. T. 108 sales tax form must accompany each such application. Complete instructions for handling these transactions have been forwarded to all Secretary of State branch offices.

Rob's Vitamin C
Air, water and heat, the nutritionists say, rob cabbage of vitamin C. The less cabbage is cooked, or exposed to the air, the more vitamin C is held. The secret of boiling to hold vitamin C and the sweet fresh flavor of the leaves is to cook quickly. Five to 10 minutes of boiling is enough for shredded cabbage; 10 to 15 minutes for quartered cabbage. Whether served piping hot or crispy cold, cabbage provides nourishment and its own special appetizing flavor when it is placed on the table.

Subscribe for the Avalanche.

Here He Comes



WITH OUR WISHES
OF A GRAND HOLIDAY SEASON FOR YOU.

**HANSON'S
CAFE**

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Your Patronage During This Year
Has Been Greatly Appreciated.

Merry Christmas To All!

BILL'S SHOE REPAIR



JOYOUS
YULETIDE

Here's wishing that the light
of the season's cheer will glow
through all you do, adding greatly
to your Christmas happiness.

Failing Beverage Distributors



How well I remember those old
Fashioned Christmas dinners—

whether at one end of the table; mother at the other end, and the children in-between, wondering if father would ever get done carving the turkey. And what mince pies!

Wouldn't you like a Christmas like that this year of 1946? We hope that your Christmas is as much like that as the changing times will permit, and that all the joys of the old days will abound.

GRAYLING LAUNDRY



CHRISTMAS WISHES

by the

THOUSAND

we send to all our friends
this Yule Season of 1946.

May yours be indeed a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Have you ever thought of Christmas as a birthday party—a birthday party that goes all over the world at once? That is why Christmas is so joyous! Everybody is a participant in this big, grand, world-wide party, with Santa Claus the host!

And here we are, on the Eve of Christmas, sending you our very best wishes for a joyous time at this great Birthday Party.

DAVIS JEWELRY



Christmas

MAY TRUE
HAPPINESS
IN ALL ITS
FULLNESS
BE YOURS THIS
CHRISTMASTIME

GIERKE'S SERVICE STATION



ALL OF OUR
FOLKS ARE HOPING
THAT ALL OF
YOUR FOLKS WILL
SPEND A MIGHTY

Merry Christmas

OLSON SHOE STORE

YOUNGEST ATTORNEY
Mrs. Marilyn Sher, San Pedro, Calif., was only 21 last April, and is believed to be the youngest girl ever to pass the California bar examination. She had to wait one year before taking exam.

LOCALS

Adam Merke celebrated his 35th birthday Sunday, December 15. The Grayling members of his family were present to help him.

B. C. Gilbert is the new treasurer of the Lovells Civic Hook and Trigger Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Condon are spending several months in Lowell.

Mrs. Donald A. Smith is a new office employee at the Dore Manufacturing Company, Inc.

Entire stock reduced 25 percent for the final three days of the 1946 season at MARGOT'S in the Shop-penagons I n n Building. MARGOT'S will close for the season at 6:00 p. m., Saturday, December 28.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Booth arrived Friday from Dayton, Ohio, to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Perkins (Guinevere Trudeau) of Bay City, announce the arrival of a son, James Benjamin, born December 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Johnson left Monday to spend Christmas at the Norconk farm at Empire, Michigan, with Dr. Lance and Miss Lillian Norconk.

The Frank Bond family left Monday to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor in Olivet, and Mrs. Harry Williams and family in Brown City.

Now is the time to stock up with those gifts for your winter time parties. MARGOT'S is offering her entire stock at 25 percent off on December 28, 27 and 28. The shop will close for the 1946 season at 6 p. m., Saturday, December 28.

Mrs. Howard Granger was over from Kalkaska on Friday to visit her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Art May and son Roger left Saturday for Rogers City to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. E. K. Smith.

The George Daniels family were expected to spend Christmas with Mrs. Frank May and family.

Frank Serven is improving after a siege of pneumonia.

Ernest Farnon left for Detroit Friday evening to visit his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Sweetwood. They arrived in Grayling Tuesday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Parsons.

Mrs. Paul Larson left on the 10:30 P. M. train for Detroit on Friday.

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Kenneth Peterson left for California, Friday, to spend Christmas with a former buddy.

Dennis Day and Mrs. Jack Dible arrived Wednesday of last week to spend Christmas with their parents, the Glen Days.

Among the outstanding amateur athletes of last year to be congratulated at the annual coaches banquet Monday evening, December 9, in Toledo, by Kenneth (Tug) Wilson, Commissioner of the Western Conference, was Dennis Day.

Don't forget the Cantata, Sunday evening, December 28, at 4 o'clock.

The R. L. Barrus family left Friday to spend the Christmas holidays in Ovid as guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Barrus, and Mrs. Barrus' sister and husband, Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Gooding, in Pontiac.

Harold Hatfield has been confined to his home with an injured knee.

Mrs. J. E. Bugby has returned from a two weeks' visit in Lorain, Ohio, and Erie, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Norman May and Mr. Bugby arrived Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays.

Charles Handover arrived in Grayling Sunday to spend Christmas with the Andrew Cholo family and visit his children.

The Russell Moshier spent a few days in Flint on business.

Bill Moshier was expected to arrive Friday from Chicago and planned to go to Hale where he would be joined by Mrs. Moshier. They then planned to return to Grayling for the holidays.

Howard De La Mater arrived home last week to spend the holidays with his parents, the Ben De La Mater.

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Mr. and Mrs. Moshier from the various colleges to spend Christmas with their parents are: Richard Pentz, Billyann Clippert, Allan Stevenson, Louis Smith, Richard Dawson and Barbara Borchers.

From a list of the following article of interest to Grayling folks. Miss Everard is a former Grayling teacher. Queen Greets Three Michigan Teachers—London.

AP—The old nursery rhyme came true for three Michigan school teachers on exchange assignments in Britain—they "came to London to visit the queen", December 20, 1946. She spoke to each of them, asked their home town and where they were working and then they were working in the United Kingdom.

Miss Frances Lushbrand, Bay City; Miss Iva Brockway, Kalamazoo; and Miss Olga Everard, Ypsilanti, were in the group of 72 teachers presented to the queen by Lady Asquith at a reception, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Feldhauser left Sunday to spend a week as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Fuller in Olivet.

Mrs. Ann Dobbin of the Michigan Veteran Vocational Training School at Pine Lake, Michigan, is here to spend the holidays with her sister and family, Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Keyport. Dr. and Mrs. Keyport recently returned from a 10-day visit in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Marlette of Detroit arrived Wednesday to spend Christmas with her mother and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Strope.

Mrs. Signe Randolph entertained members of the immediate family at a large Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Strohauser of Alger and Mrs. C. E. Hayes of down-river, enjoyed Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Flower.

Christmas Program
(Continued from Front Page)

"The Birthday of a King"
Shirley Souder
The Story from Luke
The Story from Matthew

Terry Hilton
"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"
"Christmas Bells"
Group
Singers—Sixth Grade Boys

Demand
OUR FRESH, PASTEURIZED MILK. IT'S SAFE MILK. GOOD FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.

HUNTER'S AU SABLE DAIRY

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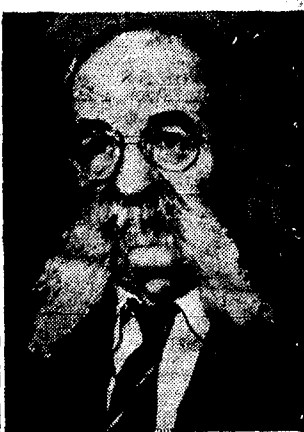
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"MERRY CHRISTMAS"

Grayling's New LEONARD SERVICE

— And —

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NATION'S LONGEST... Can you top Atty. J. Wash Adams, 88, Whitesburg, Ky., who has laid claim to the nation's longest mustache. He says each mustache measures approximately 10 inches.

Mrs. June Gross presented the organ music.

P. T. A. News

(Continued from first page)

The lunch committee included Mrs. R. C. Puffer, Mrs. Jack Cook, Mrs. Joe Cinciala, Mrs. Ernest Larson (who was responsible for the pretty flowers on the cake), Mrs. Wm. LaRush, Mrs. DeVere Benware, Mrs. Roy Lovely, Mrs. Leo Lovely, Mrs. Alva Stephan, Mrs. Harold Hill, Mrs. Amos Hunter, and Mrs. Ione Wylie.

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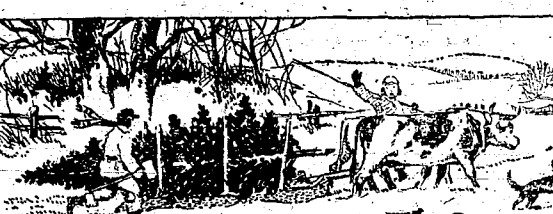
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WISHES TO EXTEND A
MERRY CHRISTMAS
— AND —
SEASON'S GREETINGS

TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS
AND TO ANNOUNCE THAT
THE SHOP WILL CLOSE FOR THE YEAR
AT 6:00 O'CLOCK

**Saturday Evening,
December Twenty-eighth**

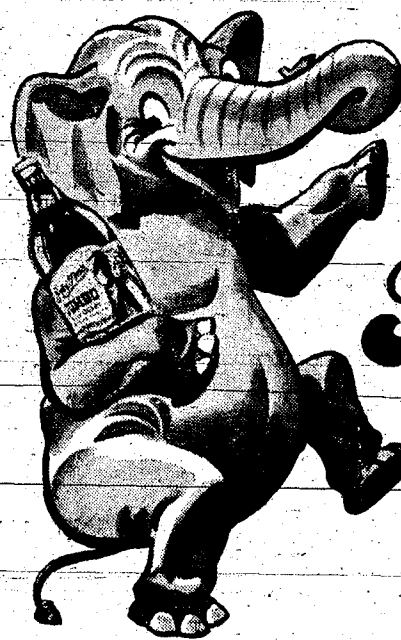
SEASON'S GREETINGS



To One
And All

Christmas Is a Time of Joy.
And We Hope This Christmas Will Be Rich In Good Cheer For All Of You.

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JUMBO



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May
countless blessings
bring true joy
to
you and yours
Christmastime.

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ST. HELEN Phone 105.33



The story behind Christmas is one that has given the Yule holiday force and direction for over a thousand years. Hearts are made over on this day. It gives us great pleasure during this holy season to extend our best Christmas wishes to all our friends.

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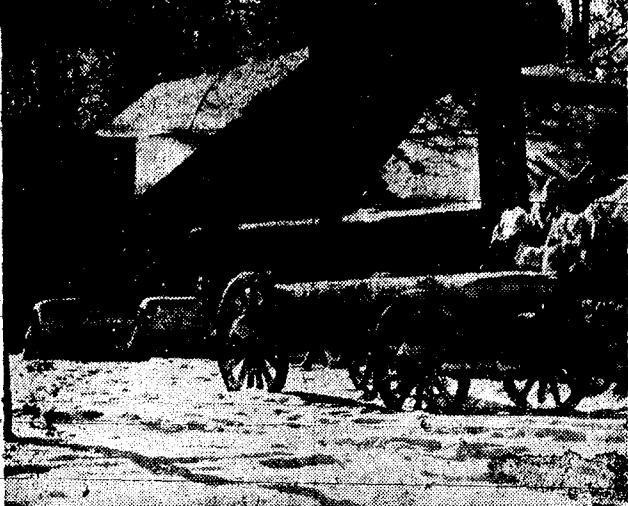
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

There's Still The
Same Old Magic

In The
Words -
VERY
Merry



CHRISTMAS And BEST WISHES OF THE SEASON. ROYAL CLEANERS



WINNING PHOTOGRAPHS . . . Results of the first major photographic contest to be held since the end of the war recently were announced by judges of the Grall photo contest. The grand prize winner, "Grand Ma," by George Burns, Schenectady, is shown right. Other winners shown are "Winning," by Frank Nichols, Bayonne, N. J., and "Winning," by Wood Armstrong, Detroit, Mich. More than 8,000 photos were submitted in the contest.

LOCALS

Mrs. Roy B. Conkling left Sunday morning for Union City, Indiana, where she will spend the first of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Tom J. Meredith (daughter Lucia) and son David John; on Christmas Day they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Weidner (her daughter Florence) and family at Blanchester, Ohio, where she will spend the balance of the week.

Mrs. Frank Roth entertained her card club last Friday evening at her home on Ionia Street. The ladies had a Christmas tree and exchanged gifts. The hostess served a lovely lunch at an attractively decorated table bearing a centerpiece of flowers, skating on a mirror skating pond encircled by evergreen and holly berries.

If your galoshes or rubbers are slippery on the bottom, have them "recapped" at BILL'S SHOE REPAIR.

Donna Brown arrived from Chicago Monday to spend the holidays visiting relatives. She is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hanson while here.

NOTICE—During my absence from the city, WBA members please pay insurance to Mrs. Amy Gothro, Mrs. William Heric.

Mrs. Elmer Binsell left to spend the holidays in Jackson, Battle Creek and Detroit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Smith left for Detroit Tuesday to spend Christmas with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Koerper expect to spend the Christmas season in Detroit.

Robert E. Gritman Sr., local agent for Hanson & Co., and son Robert Jr., left Sunday to spend the holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Gritman, in Detroit. They were accompanied by Mrs. Elizabeth Foley, who

will visit her daughter Gertrude in Pontiac.

Agnes, Ann, George and Bob Hanson are spending the holidays in Detroit with their sister, Mrs. J. W. Libcke, husband and family.

Call the KENNEDY FLOWER SHOP for your Senior Prom Corsages.

Gerald Worden is home on a 3-day pass from the U. S. Navy to spend Christmas with his parents.

There will be no Sunday evening service at the Free Methodist Church December 29. Sunday School as usual.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Margrethe are spending Christmas holidays in Pontiac and brother.

Boots and rubbers can now be "recapped" just like automobile tires, and the cost is slight. Come to BILL'S SHOE REPAIR and find out more about this.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lewis of Lake Margrethe are excited over the arrival of their son, Mark, from Oakland, California, to spend the Christmas holidays. This is Mark's first Christmas with his parents since 1936. Mrs. Lewis says the father will be home about this.

FOUND—A white, part-bound dog, Phone 3541.

One G. I. has found a baby that's Jack McClain, who, with his wife and baby, have shared his parents' home.

The new stage on the old lake road.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reynolds of Melle and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reynolds of Flint are spending Christmas with Mrs. William MacNeven and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Frymire of Lansing are here to spend Christmas with her parents, the MacNevens.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Peterson of Atlanta spent the week-end with his parents, the Hans Petersons. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Peterson of Jackson are expected for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Thompson are spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson, in Owosso.

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Christmas Program

(Continued from front page.) expended to make them possible was not in vain. The little ones were in smiles; the uncontrollable happiness of childhood, is pay enough for a lot of effort.

Those who served on the Legion Committee under Chairman Clarence Johnson were Alfred Hanson, Dr. J. F. Cook, James Post, Robert Neafie, Louis Stillwagon, George Morrison. Others who helped a great deal in staging the holiday affair were Miss Thelma Hubbell, Anthony Nelson, Clement Blaine, John Deckrow and Charles Meisel.

George Olson, Thomas Stencil and the regular theatre staff were responsible for the lovable movie viewed by the children at the Rialto Theatre.

Frederic News

Kenneth Burkhardt left Saturday to spend the holidays with his sister, the Jerry Hydes, in Flint.

The Carl Olson children, Judy and Bill, are both going to be able to be up.

Maude Shorts will leave Christmas Day to spend the day with her son, Louie Shorts, and also with her daughter and husband, the Walter Carlsons, in Roscommon.

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